

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE

D.T.E. 02-36

June 26, 2002

Petition of New England Gas Company -- North Attleboro Service Area for preapproval of energy efficiency programs and recovery of energy efficiency related costs for the period November 1, 2002, through April 30, 2004.

On May 31, 2002, New England Gas Company -- North Attleboro Service Area ("North Attleboro" or "Company") filed a proposal with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") for approval of the Company's energy efficiency or demand-side management program for the 18-month period commencing May 1, 2001, and ending April 30, 2004.

The Department will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the Company's proposal on Thursday, July 18, 2002, at 10:00 a.m. at the Department's offices, One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. Immediately following the public hearing, the Department will conduct a procedural conference.

Any person who desires to participate in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station - 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, not later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 17, 2002. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03. Receipt by the Department, not mailing, constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. A petition filed late may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown for waiver pursuant to 220 C.M.R. § 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

All written comments or petitions to intervene also should be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dte.efiling@state.ma.us or (2) on a 3.5" disk, IBM-compatible format. The text of the e-mail or the disk label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding

(D.T.E. 02-36), (2) name of the person or company submitting the filing, and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title and phone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be written in either Word Perfect (naming the document with a “.wpd” suffix), in Microsoft Word (naming the document with a “.doc” suffix), or as an Adobe PDF file (naming the document with a “.pdf” suffix). Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. All written pleadings or comments submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's Website, <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>.

A copy of the Company's filing is on file at the Department's offices, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts for public viewing during business hours. In addition, copies are on file for public viewing at the offices of the Company, 155 North Main Street, Fall River, Massachusetts 02722. Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing should contact James J. Carey, at (508) 675-7811. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact John J. Geary, Hearing Officer, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, at (617) 305-3500.

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New England Gas Company -- North Attleboro Service Area ("North Attleboro" or "Company") shall, not later than fourteen (14) days prior to Thursday, July 18, 2002, give notice of said hearing by publication in the Sun Chronicle, and either The Boston Globe or the Boston Herald. In addition, the Company shall also provide a copy of this notice to all participants in North Attleboro Gas Company, D.T.E. 01-47 (2002). North Attleboro is required to make return of service and proof of publication to the Department at the time of the hearing.

By Order of the Department

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary